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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir,

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2007, Applicants submit the following proposed amendments and remarks. As the response is filed before the expiration of three months from the mailing date of the Action, no fee is believed necessary.

**There are no amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**There are no amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.